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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ The international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ A translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1 (b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on (*replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report*):

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
 pages 1, 5, 6 as originally filed/furnished
 pages* 2, 3, 3/1 received by this Authority on 7 December 2005 with the letter of 7 December 2005.
 pages* 4, 7 received by this Authority on 3 April 2006 with the letter of 3 April 2006.

- ☒ the claims:
 pages as originally filed/furnished
 pages* as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
 pages* 8, 9 received by this Authority on 7 December 2005 with the letter of 7 December 2005.
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- ☒ the drawings:
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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) - see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

4. ☒ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

- ☒ the description, pages 4, 7 filed on 3 April 2006.
- ☐ the claims, Nos.
- ☒ the drawing sheet 5 filed on 3 April 2006.
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*):
- ☐ any table(s) related to the sequence listing (*specify*):

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 4	YES
	Claims 1-3,5-10	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-10	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

D1: WO 2003/075432 A2

D2: JP 2001-157390 A1

D3: JP 10-014145 A

NOVELTY (N) claims 1-3, 5-10:

Citation D1 discloses all of the features of the above claims. Referring to this citation: an electrical machine including a stator frame formed of steel laminations [page 4, paragraph 4, lines 2, 3, fig 13, item 612], pole pieces having non-laminar construction formed of bonded iron [page 8, paragraph 3, lines 3, 4, page 5, paragraph 1, lines 2-6, fig 13, item 618] attached to the stator frame [page 8, paragraph 6, lines 1, 2], stator frame protects the pole pieces [fig 13], stator coils wound substantially about the pole pieces of non-laminar construction [fig 13], are as claimed in claims 1-3, 5-10.

INVENTIVE STEP (IS) claims 1-10:

Claims 1-3, 5-10: As above.

Citation D2 discloses all of the features of claims 1-3, 5-10 except that each of the pole pieces of the citation is formed of laminar and non-laminar construction instead of non-laminar construction. This difference between the claimed invention and the disclosure of the citation merely amount to common general knowledge and does not involve an inventive step.

Citation D3 discloses a stator frame with a non-circular internal profile as in claim 4.

Hence when the disclosure of citation D1 or D2 is combined with that of citation D3 as would be obvious to a person skilled in the art disclose all of the features of claim 4.

Hence the invention claimed in claims 1-10 lacks an inventive step.

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PCT/AU2004/001766****Supplemental Box****In case the space in any of the preceding boxes is not sufficient.****Continuation of Box I:****Fig 5 and its description in page 4, lines 26, 27, page 7, lines 1-10 is not included in the originally filed specification.**